



## SOTAS

SAVE OUR TREES AND STREAMS is an organization which was formed last fall by a concerned group of Mississauga residents. We are concerned at the rate at which our streams are drying up due to upstream development or are being "improved" by concrete channels; the unnecessary loss of trees in development areas; the slowness of boulevard planting in newly developed areas; the removal of old and beautiful trees; the lack of wild parkland and the paucity of neighbourhood parks.

During the winter we presented a By-law for "The Protection of Trees on Public Land" to Mississauga Town Council. Incorporated in this by-law was a Tree Advisory Committee. Council has rejected the By-law at the present time but has decided to establish the Tree Advisory Committee which will be comprised of a representative from the Parks & Recreation Department, the Engineering Department, the Planning Board, one member from Council and four appointed members from the general public. SOTAS has been approached by Council to supply names of qualified persons to sit on this committee.

At the moment the Planning Board are requesting site plans from every developer. These must show every tree over 3" in diameter and major brush cover. Unfortunately this does not affect plans already registered and approved by the Planning Board, such as the north-east corner of Dundas and Credit Woodlands. We feel we must also point out that at present no action can be taken to preserve trees on privately owned land and that SOTAS can only act within the limitations of the present by-law structure. This we are seeking to change and Mississauga Town Council is currently studying further legislation to this end. Even so, without actual legislation, the Town has started to pay attention to tree preservation and has recently requested that municipal services be placed under the roads in a new development on Mississauga Road in order to preserve a larger number of trees.

The Provincial Legislature has recently passed an Order-in-Council which will enable greater protection to be given to creek beds, under the Conservation Authorities Act. This means that any interference with a watercourse can now at least be investigated to see if legal action can be taken to prevent it. We shall be glad to give assistance in this matter. Let SOTAS know of any such problems.

We have set up two committees which are presently investigating further protection of ravines and an increase of natural parkland. Over the past few years we have seen a tremendous increase in the public interest and use of the natural environment, as shown by the development of the Bruce Trail and Metro Toronto's plans for the protection of natural coverage on privately owned ravine land. These committees are very much in the formative stage and we need help from any member who wishes to assist or can offer professional or other expertise.

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We hope to set up the membership into wards with each ward having their own representative. We will let you know more about this shortly.

For all those presently holding SOTAS memberships, we wish to point out that the membership is for the year 1973 and renewals are due in January 1974. We will be contacting you re this later in the year. We have approximately 200 members and are looking for additional members and/or funds to help with the battle to SAVE OUR TREES AND STREAMS.

For a short period this spring we ran a hot-line. This was highly successful in bringing to our attention various problem areas, but unfortunately in many cases we were unable to help because of our legal limitations. Also many questions were quite outside our Society's terms of reference, such as the destruction of the lakeshore due to high water levels. Because of the number of calls received, approximately 300, we have had to discontinue this hot-line but would be glad to have you write SOTAS at Box 452, Mississauga, Ontario, L5A 3A2, with any information or complaints you wish to draw to the Executive's attention.

It is our intention to hold meetings on a regular basis starting in the fall. When our plans are completed we will notify you via our Newsletter.

A Television program SAVE OUR TREES AND STREAMS will be shown on Cable 10 Mississauga and we hope as many of our members as possible will view it on one of the following dates:

Wednesday	May 30	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	May 31	9:30 p.m.
Friday	June 1	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	June 5	9:00 p.m.

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Ms. Review Unit

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Thursday	June 3	9:30 p.m.
Friday	June 4	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	June 5	9:00 p.m.

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